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Mr. COSTELLO changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated for:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 154 on Approving the Journal, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

> OFFICE OF THE CLERK, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Washington, DC, June 7, 2001.

Hon. J. Dennis Hastert, The Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the original Certificate of Election received from the Honorable Bill Jones, Secretary of State, State of California, indicating that, according to the information concerning the statement of the results of the General Election held on June 5, 2001, the Honorable Diane E. Watson was elected Representative in Congress for the Thirty-second Congressional District, State of California.

With best wishes, I am Sincerely.

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.

SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE DIANE E. WATSON OF CALI-FORNIA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER. Will the Memberelect from California and the members of the California delegation present themselves in the well.

Will the Member-elect from California (Ms. WATSON) come forward and raise her right hand?

Ms. WATSON of California appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter. So help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the House of Representatives.

WELCOMING DIANE WATSON OF CALIFORNIA TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. FARR of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, as Chair of the Democratic delegation from the great State of California, it is a great privilege and honor to introduce our newest Member of the United States Congress, former Senator, former ambassador, now Congresswoman, DIANE WATSON.

I had the privilege of serving in the California State legislature with then Senator WATSON for a long time, and I do not know if all the world knows what a leader, what a dynamic leader she is. She was first involved in education, an issue very dear to all of us

here in Congress, as a teacher and then as a lecturer, a lecturer at Cal State Long Beach, which our colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN), was president of. She was the first African American woman elected to the Los Angeles Board of Education and, historically, became the first African American woman to be elected to the California State Senate.

In the State Senate she chaired the Health and Human Services Committee for over 17 years. Her legislation is landmark legislation, setting up the California birth defects monitoring program. She also ensured quality for community care and residential care facilities. And most recently, she has served this Nation well as our ambassador to Micronesia.

The remarkable and historical fact of Congresswoman DIANE WATSON coming to the United States Congress from the State of California is for the first time in the history of this House, a delegation from one State, the largest delegation, 52 members in all, which is broken down into 20 Republicans and 32 Democrats, the 32 Democrats, with her election, makes it parity for the first time in Congress where, for the first time in history, the largest delegation is half women and half men.

So I am very proud to introduce to my colleagues one who will be a great Member and a great leader of this House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATSON).

HEARTFELT APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO MANY

(Ms. WATSON of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WATSON of California. Mr. Speaker, distinguished Members of Congress, I stand today in the well of this most distinguished Chamber with both pride and humility as the newly elected representative of the 32nd Congressional District of California.

First, I wish to thank the constituents of my district for entrusting me with the responsibility of serving as their representative in this august body. I would like to thank my family and friends for their dedication and support, and I am delighted you are here with me today to share in this auspicious occasion. I would also like to thank my mother, who is 91 years young. With her valuable guidance and love. I stand here before you today. To my remaining family and friends and colleagues, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. To my political mentors and spiritual counselors, I too thank you.

As I begin this new chapter of my life, I cannot help but recall the days of my youth where, as a young student at Foshay Junior High School, I envisioned a career as a professional woman carrying a briefcase. But I never dreamed I would be the first African American woman elected to the Los Angeles School Board and the first